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## TERMINAL DISCLAIMER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.34(b) and 1.321(b) the undersigned attorney of record is empowered to act on behalf of the Assignee, Illumina, Inc. ("Assignee").

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), Assignee represents that it is the owner of the entire interest in the above-identified application and co-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,429,027, by virtue of assignments recorded at Reel No. 009962, Frame No. 0507 and Reel No. 011793, Frame No. 0895 by the Assignment Branch of the Patent and Trademark Office. The Assignee represents that, to the best of Assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee seeking to take action.

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This Terminal Disclaimer is accompanied by the \$65 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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